



2651

PATENT

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

McNEIL et al.

Serial No.: 10/008,263

Filed: 11/07/2001

Atty. Docket No.: 3123-387

For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR INCREASING TRACK
DENSITY BY ADAPTING WRITE
FAULT GATE TO POSITION
ERROR SIGNAL AS IT VARIES
FROM ID TO OD"

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) of three (3) months in which to respond to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the period for response from June 23, 2004 to September 23, 2004.

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the credit card identified on the enclosed Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$950.00 for the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) for payment of the extension fee. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

Group Art Unit: 2651

Examiner: Wong, Kin C.

**REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

RECEIVED
OCT 04 2004
Technology Center 2000

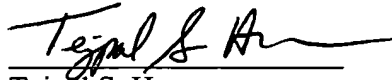
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THIS 23rd DAY OF September, 2004.

Tejpal S. Hansra
Tejpal S. Hansra

Please address all future correspondence to the undersigned attorney at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,



Tejpal S. Hansra
Registration No. 38,172
Hansra Patent Services
4525 Glen Meadows Place
Bellingham, WA 98226
(360) 527-1400

Date: SEPT. 23, 2004